BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 1918 S.E. HULSIZER ANKENY, IOWA

| IN RE: |) CASE NUMBER: 90-036 |
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| Golden Cities - Paup Realty Corp. Firm (F01767) | ,))) INFORMAL SETTLEMENT |
| Clifford C. Rudolph Broker (B08195) |))) |
| 111 Plaza Circle Waterloo, Iowa 50701 |))) |

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 17A.10(1989) and 193E Iowa Administrative Code Section 4.12(117), this Informal Settlement is entered into between Golden Cities - Paup Realty Corp. and Clifford C. Rudolph and the Iowa Real Estate Commission (Commission). The parties agree as follows:

STIPULATED STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction of this matter under Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 117, and 258A(1989) as well as the administrative rules found in Chapter 193E of the Iowa Administrative Code.
- 2. Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp. is, and was at all times during the following events, a licensed real estate corporation. The license number of the firm is F01767.
- 3. Clifford C. Rudolph is, and was at all times during the following events, a licensed real estate broker. His license number is B08195. Clifford C. Rudolph is broker in charge of Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp.
- 4. On March 19 and 20, 1990, the Department of Inspections and Appeals examined the trust account of Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp.
- 5. Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp. failed to properly maintain the General Ledger, Individual Ledgers and Personal Funds Ledger.
- 6. The trust account of Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp. had a shortage of \$2,449.92.
- 7. Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp. has deposited \$2,449.92 into their trust account to correct the shortage.

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8. Iowa Code Section 117.46(4)(1989) states:

"Each broker shall only deposit trust funds received on real estate or business opportunity transactions as defined in section 117.6 in said common trust account and shall not commingle the broker's personal funds or other funds in said trust account with the exception that a broker may deposit and keep a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars in said account from the broker's personal funds, which sum shall be specifically identified and deposited to cover bank service charges relating to said trust account."

9. Iowa Administrative Code Section 193E--1.27(117) states:

"Trust account. Earnest payments, rents collected, property management funds, and other trust funds received by the broker shall be deposited in an identified "trust" account in a bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit union located in Iowa. A broker shall maintain in the broker's office a general ledger for the trust account and an account ledger for each account or transaction which shall provide a complete record of all moneys received on real estate transactions, rents, and management funds, including the sources of the money, the date of receipt, depository, and date of deposit; and when a transaction has been completed, the final disposition of the moneys. The notification to the commission of the name, depository, and address of the broker's trust account shall include the account number."

10. Iowa Administrative Code Section 193E--4.40(117) states:

Violations for which civil penalties may be imposed:

4.40(5) Maintaining inadequate transaction records such as:

a. Failing to maintain a general ledger.

b. Failing to maintain individual account ledgers.

AGREED ORDER

By agreement it is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED by the Iowa Real Estate Commission as follows:

- 1. Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp. and Clifford C. Rudolph have the right to a hearing on this matter, but waive their right to a hearing and all attendant rights by freely entering into this Informal Settlement.
- 2. By failing to properly maintain a General Ledger, Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp. and Clifford C. Rudolph violated Iowa Administrative Code Sections 193E--1.27(117) and 4.40(5) a.
- 3. By failing to properly maintain Individual Ledgers and a Personal Funds Ledger, Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp. and Clifford C. Rudolph violated Iowa Administrative Code Sections 193E--1.27(117) and 4.40(5) b.
- 4. By allowing a shortage of \$2,449.92 in the trust account, Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp. and Clifford C. Rudolph violated Iowa Code Section 117.46(4).
- 5. Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp. and Clifford C. Rudolph agree to establish and properly maintain trust account records. These trust account records shall include a General Ledger and Individual Ledgers for all transactions.
- 6. Golden Cities Paup Realty Corp. and Clifford C. Rudolph agree to do monthly reconciliations as a preventive measure against trust account irregularities.
- 7. Clifford C. Rudolph shall take twelve hours of real estate continuing education in "Trust Account and Closing Procedures". This course must be approved as a "Broker Pre-license Course". [See 3.2(3)(117)]. These hours shall be in addition to all other real estate continuing education required by law for license renewal. The original Certificate of Attendance for the course must be submitted to the commission within 13 months of the signing of this informal settlement by the Commission. The Certificate of Attendance must come under a cover letter addressed to the Commission's Executive Secretary and must be referred to as case number 90-036.
 - Clifford C. Rudolph is hereby REPRIMANDED.

9. This Informal Settlement shall be made part of the permanent record of Golden Cities - Paup Realty Corp. and Clifford C. Rudolph and shall be considered by the Commission in determining the nature and severity of the disciplinary action to be imposed for any future license law violations of Golden Cities - Paup Realty Corp. and Clifford C. Rudolph.

- 10. Failure to comply with the provisions of this agreed order shall be considered prima facie evidence of a violation of Iowa Code Sections 117.29(3) and 117.34(2)(1989). However, no action may be taken against any licensee without a hearing as provided for in Iowa Code Section 117.35(1989).
- 11. The within settlement is subject to the approval of the Commission and if the Commission fails to approve this settlement, it shall be of no force or effect on either the Commission or the licensee, and it shall not be admissible for any purposes at any further proceedings in this matter.

FOR THE FIRM:

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